GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL TRIBUNAL
BHAVNA DEVRAJ CHIKHALIA;PRABHUNATH SINGH

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the pending cases in Environment Courts as on date, State-wise;

(b) whether the number of cases of Gujarat is the highest;

(c) if so, whether the National Environment Tribunal has since been constituted;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken to expedite speedy disposal of cases?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) & (b) There is no Environment Court set up by the Government. However, a list of pending cases as on 30.9.2000 relating to environment in various courts under the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 has been provided in an Annexure. The number of pending court cases is as per the information available with the Central Pollution Control Board. The number of pending cases is highest in the State of Gujarat.

(c) to (e) The Government is in the process of setting up of the Tribunal under the National Environment Tribunal Act, 1995 to dispose of cases expeditiously which currently are dealt with under the normal legal process

Annexure

Pending cases in different courts as per information available with the CPCB as on 30.9.2000

1. Assam Nil

2. Arunachal Pradesh Nil

3. Andhra Pradesh 2

4. Bihar 214

5. Goa Nil
6. Gujarat 1600

7 Haryana 460

8. Himachal Pradesh 35

9. Jammu & Kashmir 86
10. Kerala 4
11. Karnataka 116
12. Maharashtra 120
13. Madhya Pradesh 137
14. Meghalaya Nil
15. Manipur Nil
16. Mizoram Nil
17. Nagaland Nil
18. Orissa 76
19. Punjab 296

20. Rajasthan 239
21. Sikkim Nil
22. Tamil Nadu 98
23. Tripura Nil
24. Uttar Pradesh 15
25. West Bengal 2
26. Andaman & Nicobar Islands Nil
27. Daman, Diu & DNH Nil
28. Lakshadweep Nil
29. Delhi NA
30. Chandigarh Nil
31. Pondicherry Nil